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and I only wish I [illegible] fitting tribute to his virtues. [illegible] often said of this man [illegible] great soldier, statesman [illegible] I know of nothing better than [illegible] the grave of any man [illegible] strictly true of Mr. Lincoln. He [illegible] laborious, a patriotic [illegible] hated wrong and injustice [illegible] in all places. He [illegible] tion of slavery, and it [illegible] pleasing task to wipe that [illegible] nation's honor. Without powerful or influential friends to push him [illegible] into whose arms he could fall in case he [illegible] a failure, he stepped forth when a young man from his father's log cabin, took off his [illegible] rolled up his sleeves, looked the [illegible] squarely in the face and [illegible] the [illegible] battle of life, and [illegible] nounce his name with [illegible]

T[illegible] a [illegible] the greatest [illegible] It [illegible] passion and [illegible] suffering, [illegible] and like the former [illegible] of the S[illegible].

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL

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